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News to Know for Week of August 26-30

Save the Date

Partners in Education (P.I.E.) Expo is September 12 at 9:00 a.m. at Atlanta Technical College. All FCS schools in South Fulton County will be represented, as well as the College and Career Academy. This meeting is in partnership with the South Fulton Chamber of Commerce and an initiative of the Chamber's Education Committee. The mission is to promote resources that support economic development and opportunities to forge strategic business-school partnerships.

Freedom Bowl The Milton High School football team will be playing in the second annual Freedom Bowl tournament this weekend, August 31 – September 2. The Eagles will be hosting this event in which 12 nationally ranked football teams will play games throughout the weekend. Tickets may be purchased at <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC72375>.
13025 Birmingham Highway, Alpharetta, GA 30004. For questions, contact AiroNation at 954-214-3902 or rcare@airofoundation.org.

Cool Kids Doing Cool Things

Westlake High seniors visited Stonewall Tell Elementary on the first day of school to encourage fifth graders to have a great year in school.

Vickery Mill Elementary gathered for a ribbon-cutting to celebrate a new partnership with STAR House Foundation, a Roswell-based nonprofit organization that provides after-school support programs for at-risk children in north-based Fulton schools. FCS Board Member Katha Stuart and Northwest Area Superintendent Kibbey Crumbley both serve on the STAR House board, and City of Roswell and Roswell Inc. leaders were also in attendance to show their support. These supplemental programs help promote academic success through mentoring, skill-building for school retention and offering nutritional snacks.

Crabapple Middle School held an induction ceremony for an inaugural class of 51 AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students in seventh grade. AVID is an inquiry-based, student-centered college and career readiness program that aims to strengthen students' academic skills, help them create goals, build equity, and fully prepare them for their chosen path post-graduation. There are established AVID programs in 26 other Fulton County schools.

Awards and Honors

Recent Banneker graduate **Bryce Hall** was named Georgia's 2019 Tennis Player of the Year in the 6-AAAAA region. Hall recorded an undefeated season and has an exhibit in his honor at Banneker High.

The **U. S. Department of State** and the **J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board** announced that **Sandra Fingall**, a teacher at **McClarín High School** received the Fulbright Award.

River Trail Middle School eighth grader Vaishnavi Tammali won the 2019 Georgia Girls Scholastic Championship in chess, sponsored by the Georgia Chess Association. Her Georgia win qualified her to play at the 2019 National Girls Tournament of Champions held in Orlando, FL earlier in August where she scored three points out of six games.

Cambridge High School Girls Tennis Team won the Region 7 - 6A Georgia High School Association state championship. The Lady Bears secured the title over Northview High School by a score of 3-0. This year's undefeated season, this is Cambridge's third state championship in five years. Congratulations!

Alpharetta Winter Guard team won several awards, placing first on the state and regional levels and in the top three at nationals, for their artistic tribute to Coretta Scot King and Jacqueline Kennedy. Events are sponsored by Winter Guard International and the Southern Association for Performance Arts. They also placed as a finalist at the Winter Guard International World Championship.

Roswell High School senior Jessi Kirtley and 2019 **Milton High School** graduate Harrison Lewis each won the Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards for Best Performance by a Leading Actress and Actor. Called the Tony Awards of high school musical theatre, this event is hosted by Atlanta native and Broadway stage star Shuler Hensley. In June, Jessi and Harrison joined 86 other high school performers to compete in the national "Jimmy Awards", rehearsing with top industry coaches at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. The event culminated with their Broadway debut at the Minskoff Theater. Jesse placed fourth, and Harrison will be attending Northwestern University in Chicago as a theatre major this fall.

Ridgeview Charter School was honored to welcome U.S. Representative Lucy McBath as a special guest for their pep rally last week. Congresswoman McBath addressed the student body and celebrated the Georgia Schools to Watch Lighthouse Award with a Congressional Commendation. Administrative staff had visited her in Washington D.C. during the National Forum's Schools to Watch conference. The Lighthouse designation is given by the National Forum and recognizes schools for academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational effectiveness.

Fulton County Schools' Financial Services department was recently honored for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the district's Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The award recognizes government organizations that prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.

In Case You Missed It

Office Depot gave away 1,000 book bags at **College Park Elementary** August 15. College Park Mayor Jack Longino was on hand to wish students a great first week of school. Valencia Weatherly was recognized as an exemplary College Park ES teacher for her extraordinary efforts in the classroom. She received over \$1,500 worth of premium school supplies.

Westlake High School hosted the **South Fulton Mental Health Community Collaborative Resource Fair** August 20. The event was for South Fulton parents, community members, and featured vendor presentations on Mental/Behavioral Health, Employment, Health Insurance, Medical Services, and Housing.

FCS YouTube Video Updates:

- Dr. Mike Looney took to the road on the first day of school to visit students and educators across the district.
<https://youtu.be/sWiIikV4o>
- Friday Night Lights kicked off across the Fulton County Schools district with this year's annual Grid Iron Challenge. Fourteen high school teams faced off for the start of this year's football season.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsTKtvw8d6w&feature=youtu.be>
- Fulton County Schools Police celebrated 30 years of protecting and serving the teachers, students, and employees of our district.
<https://youtu.be/dxAOeHYCmI4>
- Our school bus drivers are the unsung heroes of the road and those with perfect attendance were recently honored at this year's Fulton's Finest Luncheon.
https://youtu.be/_BdasgXQMJY
- This year's First Day Fulton event set the stage for the 2019-2020 school year. Held at North Springs Charter High School and Banneker High School, Fulton County Schools and dozens of local vendors provided parents and students with the resources they needed to kick off the school year in style.
<https://youtu.be/5MB4EATAT8Y>

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 93,500 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.